



HALF A CHANCE

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CHAPTER IV.
THE WHEELS OF JUSTICE.
LONDON in the spring! Sunshine, the Thames aglow with silver ripples, singing as it flows; red sails! Joyous London that has emerged from fogs and basks beneath blue skies! On such a day about 10 o'clock in the morning three persons whose appearance distinguished them from the ordinary passers-by turned into a narrow thoroughfare not far from the Strand.

"Quite worth while going to hear John Steele conduct for his client, I assure you, Lord Ronsdale," observed one, a tall, military looking man, who walked with a slight limp and carried a cane. "He's a new man, but he's making his mark. When he asked to be admitted to the English bar he surprised even his examiners. His summing up in the Dougherty murder case was, I heard his lordship remark, one of the most masterly efforts he ever listened to. Just tore the circumstantial evidence to pieces and freed his man! Besides his profession at the bar, he is an unusually gifted criminologist, takes a strong personal interest in the lowest riffraff, is writing a book, I understand—one of the kind that will throw a new light on the subject."

"Just what is a criminologist?" The speaker, a girl of about eighteen, turned as she lightly asked the question to glance over her shoulder toward several persons who followed them.

"One who seeks to apply to the criminal the methods of psychology, psychiatry and anthropology," he answered, with jesting impressiveness.

"When one is only a sort of country cousin," the girl waved a small, daintily gloved hand to the little group of friends who now approached and joined them. "Captain Forsythe is trying to persuade me it is a legitimate part of our summing plan to take in murder trials, uncle," she said lightly, addressing the foremost of the newcomers, "just because it's a fad of his. Speaking of this acquaintance or friend of yours, Mr. Steele—you are something of a criminologist, too, are you not, Captain Forsythe?"

"Well, every man should have a hobby," returned that individual, "and, although I don't aspire to the long name you call me, I confess to a slight amateur interest."

"Slight!" she repeated. "Would you believe it, aunt—to a portly lady among those who had approached—" "he never misses a murder trial? I believe he likes to watch the poor fellows fighting for their lives, to study their faces, their expressions when they're being sentenced perhaps to one of those horrible convict ships?"

"Don't speak of them, my dear Jocelyn!" returned that worthy person, with a shudder. "When I think of the Lord Nelson and that awful night!"

"You were three days in an open boat before being sighted and picked up, I believe, Lady Wray?" observed Captain Forsythe.

"Every one behaved splendidly," interposed Sir Charles. "You," gazing contemplatively at the girl, "were but a child then, Jocelyn."

She did not answer. The beautiful face had abruptly changed. All laughter had gone from the clear blue eyes.

"She is thinking of the convict who saved her," observed Sir Charles in an explanatory tone to Captain Forsythe.

"And the amazing part of it is the fellow looked like a brute, and the low, ignorant face of an ex-bruiser."

"You must not speak of him that way!" The girl's hands were clasped; the slender, shapely figure was very straight. Her beautiful blue eyes, full of varying lights, flashed, then became dimmed. A suspicion of mist blurred the long, sweeping lashes. "He had a big, noble spark in his soul, and I think of him many, many times," she repeated, the sweet, gay lips trembling sensitively. "Brave fellow! Brave fellow!"

"Pity he should have been drowned, though," Captain Forsythe went on. "He would, I am sure, have made a most interesting study in contrasts."

Here Ronsdale lifted his hat. "May happen back this way," he observed. "That is," looking at Jocelyn Wray, "if you don't object."

"If? Not at all. Of course it would bore you—a trial! You are so easily bored. Is it the club?"

"No, another engagement. Thank you so much for permission to return for you. Very kind. Hope you will find it amusing. Good morning!" And Lord Ronsdale vanished down the narrow way.

The others of the party entered the courtroom and were shown to the seats that Captain Forsythe had taken particular pains to reserve for them.

"That's John Steele cross examining now," Captain Forsythe whispered to the girl. And the witness—that's

Dandy Joe, as he's called, one of the police spies, cheap race track man and so on, in the box. He came to the front in a murder trial quite celebrated in its day and one I always had my own little theory about. Not that it matters now," he added, with a sigh.

But the girl was listening to another voice, a clear voice, a quiet voice, a voice capable of the strongest varying accents. She looked at the speaker. He held himself with the assurance of one certain of his ground. His shoulders were straight and broad. He stood like an athlete, and when he moved it was impossible to be unconscious of a certain physical grace that came from well trained muscles. He carried his head high, as if from a habit of thought of looking up, not down, when he turned from the pages of the heavy tomes in his study. His face conveyed an impression of intelligence and intensity. His eyes, dark and deep, searched fully those they rested on.

He had reached a point in his cross examination where he had almost thoroughly discredited this witness for the prosecution when, turning toward a table to take up a paper, his glance, casually lifting, rested on the distinguished party in the rear of the room, or, rather, it rested on one of them. Against the dark background the girl's golden hair was well calculated to catch the wandering gaze. The flowers in her hat, the great bunch of violets in her dress added insistent alluring bits of color in the dim spot where she sat. Erect as a lily stem, she looked oddly out of place in that large, sombre room. There, where the harsh regimen of bruised and broken lives unceasingly sounded, she seemed like some presence typical of spring, wafted thither by mistake. The man continued to regard her. Suddenly he started, and his eyes almost eagerly searched the lovely, proud face.

His back was turned to the judge, who stirred nervously, but waited a fraction of a second before he spoke. "If the cross examination is finished"—he began.

John Steele wheeled; his face changed; a smile of singular charm accompanied his answer.

"Your lordship will pardon me; the human mind has its aberrations. At the moment, by a curious psychological turn, a feature of another problem seized me. It was like playing two games of chess at once. Perhaps your honor has experienced the sensation."

His lordship beamed. "Quite so," he observed unctuously. The business of the morning ran on, and John Steele at length concluded his cross examination. "I think, your lordship, the question of the reliability of this man as a witness in this or—any other case—fully established."

"Any other case?" said his lordship. "We are not trying any other case."

"Witness may go," said his lordship brusquely. Dandy Joe, a good deal damaged in the world's estimation, stepped down. His erstwhile well curled mustache of bristled dust seemed to droop as he slunk out of the box. He appeared subdued, almost frightened, quite unlike the jaunty little cockney that had stepped so blithely forth to give his testimony.

The witnesses all heard, John Steele, for the defense, spoke briefly, but his words were well chosen, his sentences of classic purity. As the girl listened it seemed to her not strange that Captain Forsythe, as well as others present, should be drawn hither on occasions when this man appeared. Straight, direct logic characterized the speech from beginning to end. Only once did a suggestion of sentiment—court pity for that gin besotted thing, the prisoner—obtrude itself; then it passed so quickly his lordship forgot to intervene, and the effect remained, a flash, illuminating, Rembrandt-like. Time slipped by. The judge looked at his watch, bethought him of a big silver dish filled with amber hued specialties of the Ship and Turtle and adjourned court. His address interrupted by the exigencies of the moment, John Steele began mechanically to gather up his books. He absently separated them again. At the same time Sir Charles and his party walked toward the bench. They were met by his lordship and cordially greeted.

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(To be continued.)

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News of a Day in Arizona

COCHISE DOG RANCH NEW INDUSTRY

Valley Mexican Will Market Hides of Immense Horde of Canines

Conducting a dog ranch may not be regarded generally as a profitable business, but nevertheless there is one man out in Sulphur Springs valley who makes a good living at it, says a Bisbee paper.

He is a Mexican and herded together on his plot of property over one hundred canines of various breeds, from setters to common yaller dogs without a pedigree. He raises them for commercial purposes, those of better breed being sold to any chance traveler who may happen through and desire one of them. On the other hand, those of common extraction are raised merely for their hides, and once or twice a year a bunch of them are killed, skinned and their hides shipped to eastern markets, where they bring a good price.

Dog hides are used in the manufacture of many leather articles, on account of their pliable nature, being used more for gloves than anything else, although sometimes employed in the manufacture of shoes, harness, etc.

When out in the valley with his scholars the other day, Prof. R. T. Edmunds, of the South Bisbee school, took a group photograph of these dogs, and sixty-two are shown in one view. Misses Kinney and Cunningham, also with the party, snapped views containing nearly as many.

IS AWFULLY BEATEN

Tucson Negro Shows Up With Nose and Face Mashed to a Pulp

His nose smashed into an unrecognizable pulp and several facial bones broken, George Reilly, a Tucson negro, was found by Sergeant Guly Tucker in a half crazed condition Sunday night. He was taken to police station and County Physician Troutman was summoned. The physicians dressed his wounds and sent the man to St. Mary's hospital.

Before being sent to the hospital Reilly stated to the officers that Paul Mathers and Louis Clemens, two other negroes, had cheated him out of some \$80 in a game of "black jack" in Mathers' saloon just off Court street. He declared that when he accused them of cheating he was assaulted. The last thing he remembers, he says, was that of begging Mathers, who had a .22 calibre rifle, not to shoot him. The evidence goes to show that the man was struck in the face with the rifle, as blood was found on the end of the rifle barrel.

BLACK FACES JURY ON SECOND CHARGE

Accused of Embezzling from Tucson Loan Company

John A. Black, former secretary of the Tucson Building & Loan association, with headquarters in Tucson, was Monday placed on trial for the second time in a Pima district court on an embezzlement charge. At his former trial, held at the last term of court, a jury acquitted him of the charge, but the judge ordered a new trial. The present one charges that Black embezzled the sum of \$1,088.02 of the funds of the organization.

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UNIVERSITY MAN SUDDENLY DIES

Professor Blake Recently Received High Degree in Letters

Four days after being honored with the degree of L. L. D. from the University of California, William P. Blake, professor emeritus at the University of Arizona, died Sunday at Berkeley, Cal. Pneumonia was the cause of his death. Professor Blake was formerly head of the mining department of the California university. He left Tucson over a week ago to take part in the golden jubilee of the Berkeley institution and was one of the honored guests. Suddenly he came down with pneumonia and died, after a very brief illness.

The deceased came to Arizona from New Haven, Connecticut, where he was a professor in Yale university. He had charge of the construction of the Walnut Grove dam, later going to Berkeley. Returning to this territory he became a teacher in the University of Arizona.

Professor Blake was 83 years of age.

INDIANS SCARED AT ECLIPSE OF MOON

Build Big Bonfires to Intimidate Devils

Frightened by the eclipse of the moon and the consequent brilliant view afforded them of Halley's comet Monday night, more than one hundred superstitious Yuma Indians built a series of seven bonfires extending along the Tucson road to Pastime park from Tucson to Joe Campini's ranch, as a propitiation to the celestial powers.

The Indians were brought from Yuma to Tucson as witnesses in cases under investigation by the federal grand jury. The courthouse was packed with them throughout the day and they presented a picturesque appearance, with their long hair and gaudy raiment. They were considerably frightened by the phenomena in the heavens.

BOTH LEGS CUT OFF

Blacksmith Falls Under Moving Train at Winkelman and May Die

While boarding a passenger train at Winkelman Monday, J. L. Black, aged 57, was thrown from the steps of the passenger train beneath the wheels and both legs badly crushed. Black was employed at the Davis blacksmith shop at Winkelman and was going to Kelvin for a visit.

So badly crushed were his legs that it was found necessary to amputate both of the injured members. He was hurried to Kelvin, where the Arizona Eastern doctor performed the operation.

Black is in a serious condition and it is feared that his chance for recovery is very small.

When the accident took place several were standing within a few feet of Black, but it all happened so quickly that he was under the train before anyone could come to his assistance.

Black came here recently from San Diego, Cal.

REPUBLICAN MAYOR CHOSEN IN BISBEE

At the city election in Bisbee Monday the republicans elected a mayor, three councilmen and a city marshal. The democrats elected three councilmen, a street superintendent and a city clerk. The new republican mayor is Dr. C. L. Edmundson, who defeated George Neale, the present incumbent, for re-election.

MIAMI DEPARTMENT

MIAMI, eleven miles from Globe, is now the terminal of the Gila Valley, Globe & Northern railway. It has a postoffice, express office, telegraph office and a three-trip-a-day train service with Globe. Three months ago Miami had one house; it now has two hundred. Miami has a population of 500. The population of Miami district is 2,000. In the Miami district are the Miami, Warrior, Inspiration, Keystone, Live Oak, Cordova, Boston-Miami, Cactus, Gibson, Duquesne, Schulze Group and Cole Development copper mines, with a capitalization of \$30,000,000. Miami is the distributing point for these mines. The Miami mine now employs 600 men, with a monthly payroll of \$75,000. The first month's freight receipts at Miami were over \$40,000. Miami is growing rapidly. All lines of business are represented. It has a weekly newspaper, The Miami Messenger. Many business opportunities are still open. It is predicted that by January 1, 1911, the population will be 3,000.

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MIAMI, ARIZONA

CHARGES PREFERRED AGAINST POLICE

Town Divided Over Proceedings Growing Out of Recent Shooting

At a meeting of the Commercial association Tuesday evening charges were preferred against two police officers of this district. The charges were brought by E. A. Earthal, the proprietor of the Royal restaurant and neglect of duty on the part of the officers who arrested Fitzpatrick early Sunday morning is alleged.

There seems to be a great deal of sentiment for and against Officers W. J. Walker and most of Miami's citizens are taking sides in the affair. Many seek to condemn these men because Fitzpatrick was allowed to hire a guard to watch him through the night instead of being taken to jail. Their friends are equally anxious to justify the course that was taken. Judge Lafayette P. Nash today tendered his resignation both as a member of the police committee and as a member of the Commercial association. A committee was appointed to investigate the charges.

PREPARATIONS FOR BALL GAME PROCEED

There is considerable excitement among the Hickeys and the Dickeyes as regard to the music for Sunday's ball game. John Phillip Sousa will not be able to get here. Efforts are now being made to secure Rania Rossa. Eugenio Sorrentino was communicated with late yesterday afternoon and he will make a desperate effort to bring the band from Italy in time to be on hand for the game.

The Lusitania will probably be chartered and a record run across the Atlantic made. Citizens are still subscribing large amounts towards the fund to defray expenses. At the last report almost \$200 had been pledged. The American league association has telegraphed Captain Tooth Carpenter Brownfield asking for a series of games to be played in Miami.

LEWY REFUSES TO SURRENDER MONEY

Victims of Alleged Embezzler Divide in Vain

Although the victims of Richard Lewy have divided the money among themselves they have been unable to get hold of it. Lewy is very firm in his resolve not to part with his loot and it will probably be some time before it can be taken away from him. After the victims had agreed on a method of division Lewy was requested to sign an order turning the money over to them. He told them he never stole the money and he was not going to let them have it.

This came as a shock to Smargonsky and Cohen, as it is claimed he had already admitted that he took the money. Lewy is now spending his time in gushing in the bath.

SETTLE JUDGMENT OUTSIDE OF COURT

All Parties Satisfied with Jovovich Case

Mike Jovovich was sued several days ago by Samuel Abraham and judgment obtained. As Jovovich was unable to pay the amount Abraham garnished a debt which was owed Jovovich by his brother which amounted to \$250.

George Jovovich gave a note for the amount due in thirty days to Abraham yesterday in the court of Judge Nash. Although no money has been exchanged between the two all seem to be satisfied with the adjustment of the difficulties.

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